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b.) Remarks

Applicants propose the cancellation of claims 1, 16, and 27, and the amendment of claims 2, 4, 6, 8-15, 17-19, 22, and 24-26.

These changes should place the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, claims 3, 5, 20 and 21 have been allowed. With the entry of the foregoing amendments, presently rejected claims will either depend from allowed claims or cancelled.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Should any questions arise, the

Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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